

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CDBG

FY 2024-2026 Application Process



STARK COUNTY CDBG OVERVIEW

- Eligible projects must serve areas/individuals in Stark County outside of the cities of Canton, Massillon, Alliance, and the Villages of Hills & Dales and Wilmot
- Projects seeking CDBG funding must meet one of the 3 National Objectives set forth by HUD
- Applications will be accepted until **Friday, November 3th at noon**
- All application workshop attendees will automatically receive 10 points on each application submitted

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Projects seeking CDBG funding must meet one of the 3 National Objectives set forth by HUD:



CDBG APPLICATION PROCESS

Materials available at: rpc.starkcountyohio.gov

- Agenda
- PowerPoint presentation
- Application instructions
- Blank map template
- Post-workshop survey

FY 2024 – 2026 CDBG FUNDING AVAILABILITY

- Infrastructure and public facility projects will be accepted for the FY '24, FY '25, and FY '26 funding cycles (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027)
- Other project applications will be accepted for the FY'24 funding cycle only
- Public service activities are capped at 15% of the overall CDBG grant

FY 2024 CDBG FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Stark County's Estimated Allocation	\$ 1,390,232.00
Administration and planning (20%)	\$ 278,046.40
Public service activities (15%)	\$ 208,534.80
Housing rehab revolving loan fund (RLF)	\$ ~231,630.00
Previously awarded infrastructure projects	\$ 579,950.00
Estimated available balance of funding for FY'24	\$ 323,700.80

Applicants are encouraged to seek additional sources of funding for potential projects. Some suggested potential funding for infrastructure/public facility improvement projects include: Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC), USDA, Ohio EPA.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY – PUBLIC SERVICE

- Public service projects must serve LMI persons/families ($\leq 80\%$ AMI)
- Income and demographic info must be obtained from public service beneficiaries
- Projects physically located in Canton, Massillon, or Alliance will need to provide proof that those served are Stark County residents residing outside of these three cities, and the Villages of Hills and Dales and Wilmot
- CDBG funds may be used to pay for labor and supplies of a public service activity. Timesheets must be submitted to document costs



Child care



Job training



Health services



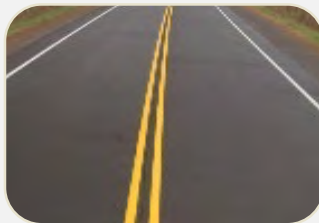
Food pantries

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY – INFRASTRUCTURE

- Infrastructure projects should utilize data from low to-moderate income area maps to determine if it is an eligible location: [LMA map](#)
- ADA activities are eligible even if they are not in a low income area. Must be located outside of the three cities and two villages



Water lines



Roadways



Sewer lines



ADA curbs

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY – PUBLIC FACILITY

- Public facility projects must utilize data from low to-moderate income area maps to determine if it is an eligible location [LMA map](#)
- ADA activities are eligible even if they are not in a low income area. Must be located outside of the three cities and two villages



Libraries



Playgrounds



Parks

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- CDBG economic development is generally tied to job creation
- For Stark County CDBG purposes, we are accepting applications only for the activities listed below
- If you are seeking funds for business loans we suggest contacting the [Stark Economic Development Board](#)



Technical assistance to
for-profit businesses



Microenterprise
development

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY – AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Housing activities must serve households $\leq 80\%$ AMI
- For rehabilitation activities, each household's income must be verified with third party documentation ex: paystubs, social security benefit letter, retirement income etc.



Rehabilitation

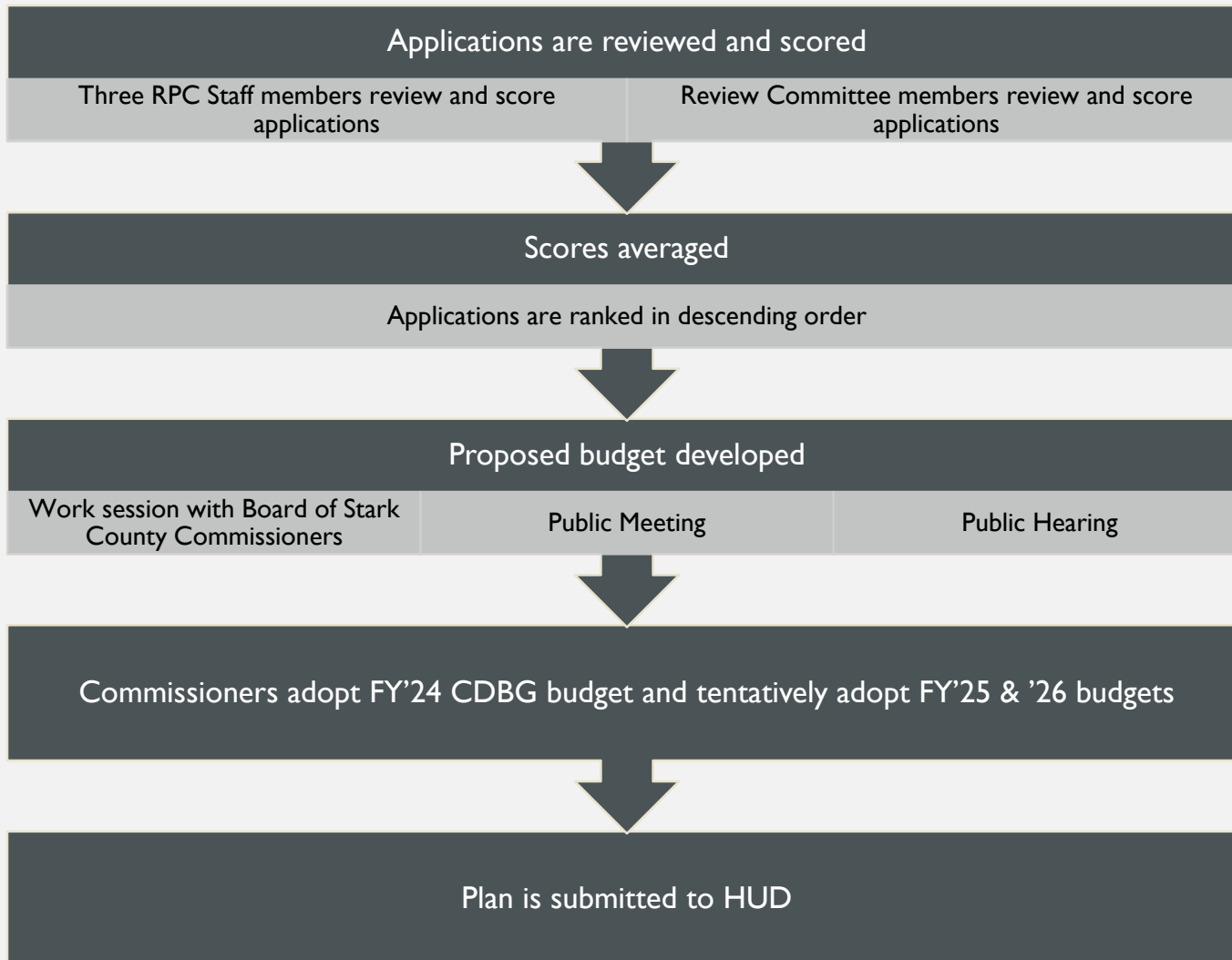


Housing Counseling
Programs



Acquisition of property

CDBG APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS



CDBG APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

- Six-member committee which will be chosen today by the public, with alternates
- Review Committee members represent:
 - Large townships
 - Small townships
 - Cities
 - Villages
 - County at large
 - Board of Stark County Commissioners
- Review Committee will meet virtually on 2-5 occasions with RPC staff to discuss all eligible applications

APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS

- Application instructions and materials can be found at:
rpc.starkcountyohio.gov
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted and scored
- Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted or scored
- There is no limit on the number of applications submitted by each applicant
- Joint applications submitted on behalf of two political subdivisions must have the endorsement of all parties involved

UPDATES THIS YEAR

- Applications will only be accepted through the platform *Neighborly*
- You must create an account with *Neighborly*
- Draft applications will be reviewed for comments, feedback and TA until end of day October 2, 2023
- You are encouraged to begin the application early in order to become familiar with *Neighborly*. There are required application fields and documents
- Applications will be timestamped by Neighborly at submission
- *Neighborly* instructions are on the website [HERE](#)

FY 2024 – 2028 STARK COUNTY CONSOLIDATED PLAN

JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2029

FY 2024 - 2028 STARK COUNTY CONSOLIDATED PLAN (CP)

- Covers period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2029

24 CFR part 91
requires the CP
to discuss how
the County will:

Create, retain and expand economic
opportunities for LMI

Create and maintain safe and suitable living
environments for LMIs

Create, retain and expand decent affordable
housing for LMIs and the homeless

- The CP is utilized to prioritize needs and determine annual CDBG and HOME funding allocations
- The CP is generally due annually on or before May 17

FY 2024 - 2028 STARK COUNTY CONSOLIDATED PLAN (CP)

Needs
assessment
survey #1

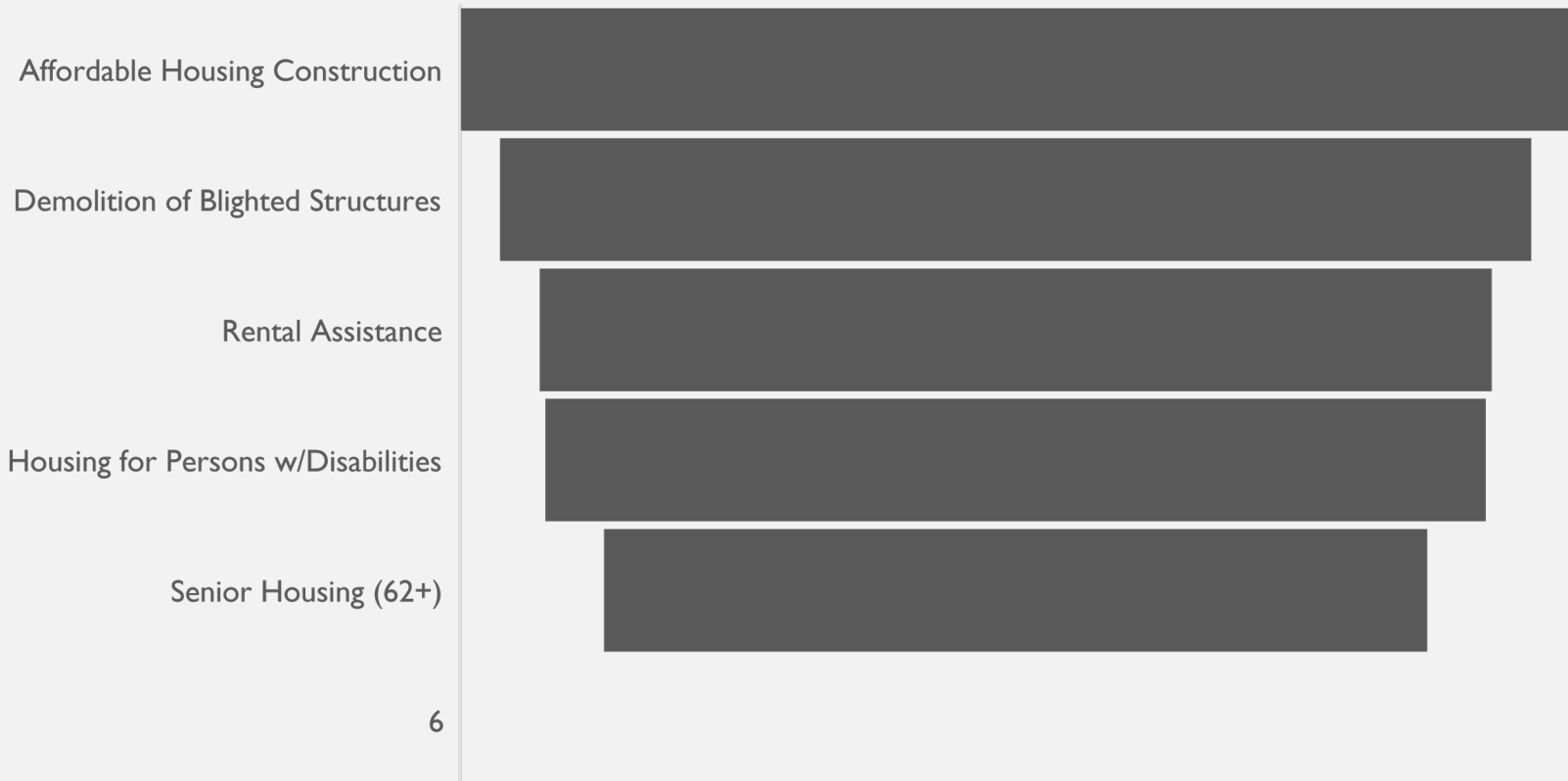
Focused on
identifying
community
development
needs

Sent to
>1,500
stakeholders

11.4%
response
rate

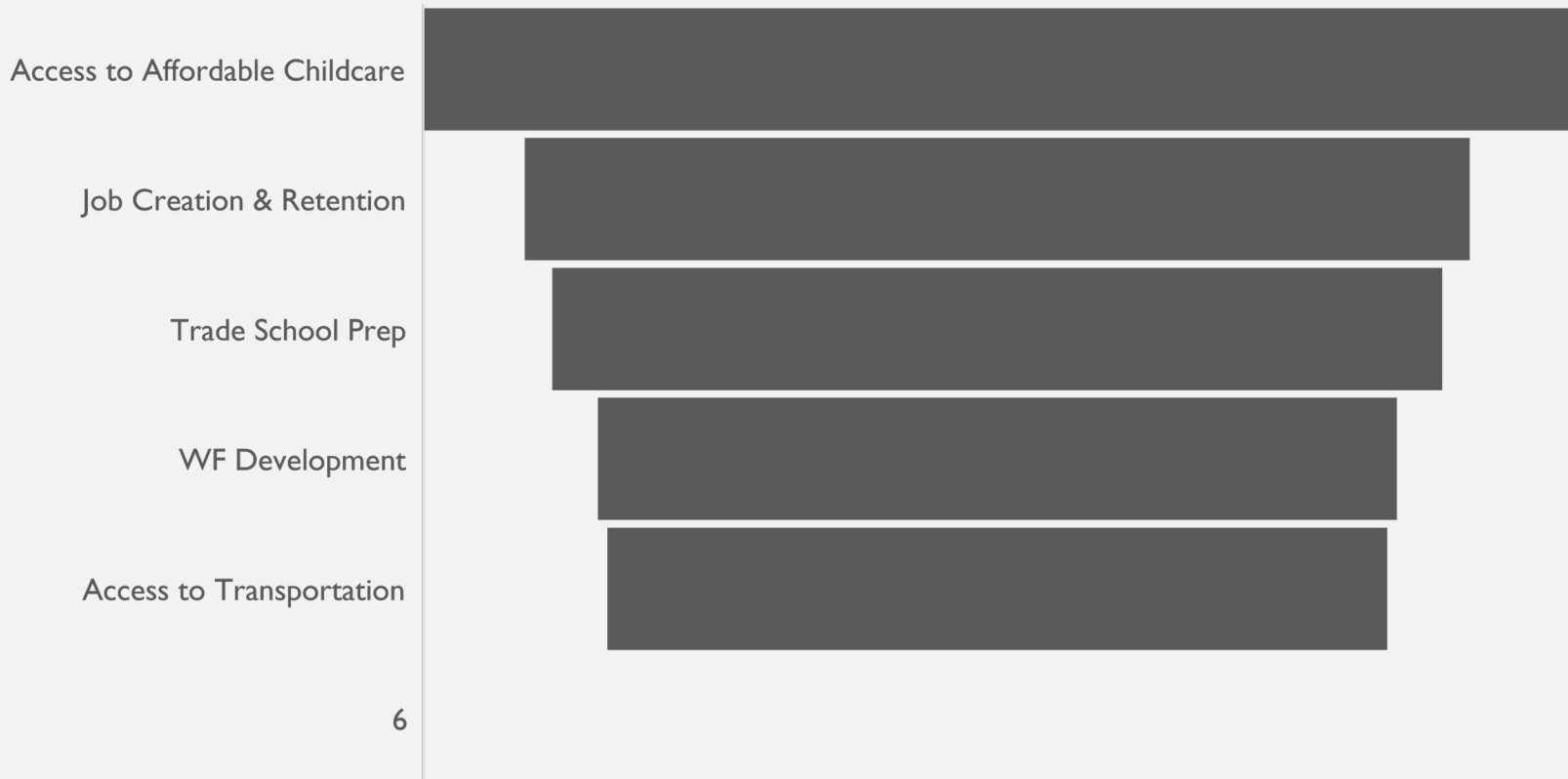
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- According to the survey, the five highest housing priority needs in the County are:



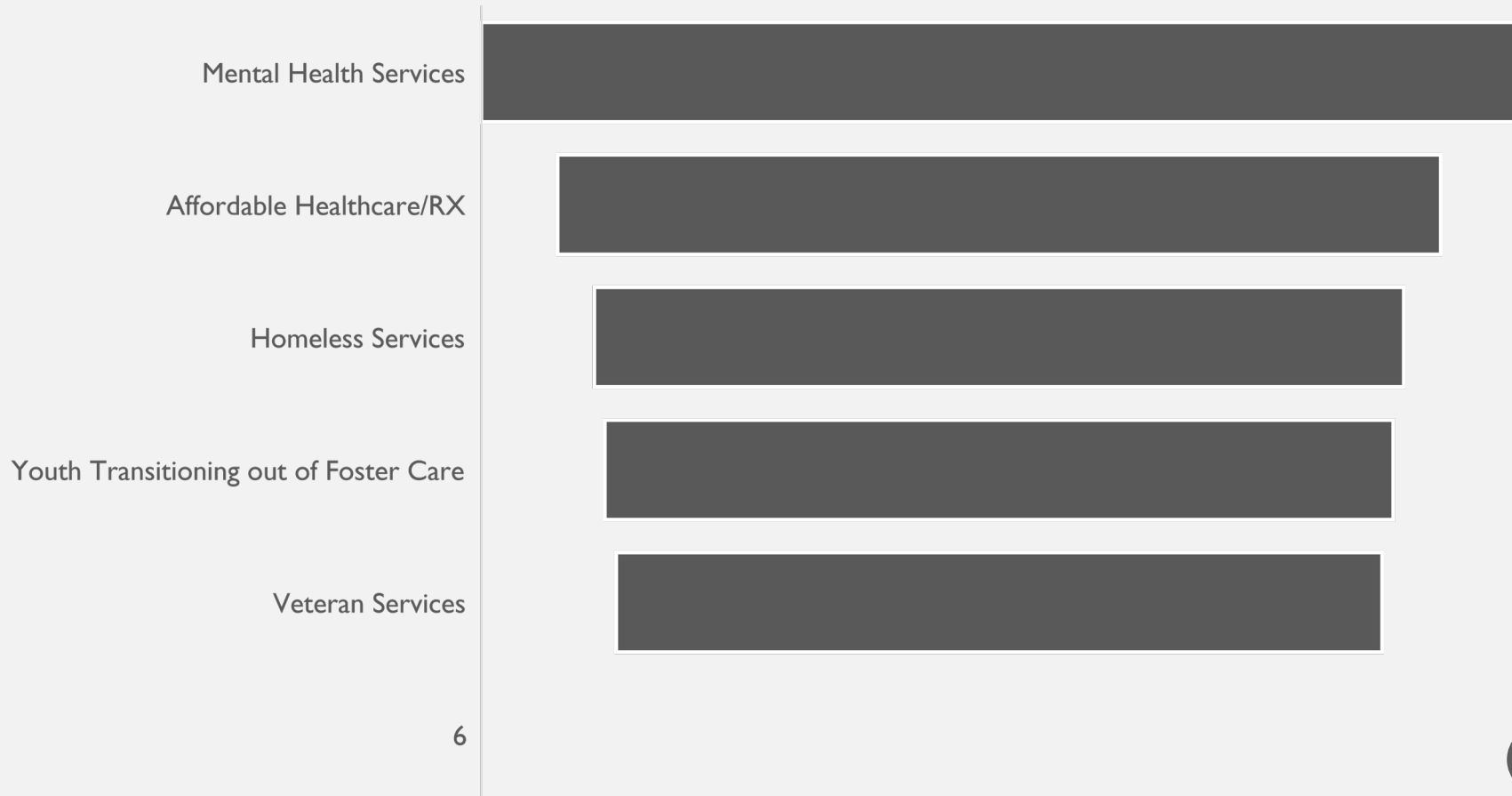
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- According to the survey, the five highest economic development priority needs in the County are:



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- According to the survey, the five highest special needs/service priority needs in the County are:



FY 2024 - 2028 STARK COUNTY CONSOLIDATED PLAN (CP)

- Additional public meetings/hearings will occur to discuss the CP and gather public input:

September 5, 2023 at 7pm – in person at RPC office

October 6, 2023 at 9:00am – virtual

November 20, 2023 2:00pm – virtual/HCCSC Members Meeting

February 2024 date and time TBD

March 5, 2024 7:00pm – in person at RPC office

April 9, 2024 7:00pm – in person at RPC office

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New Two Question Survey: 

